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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PORG, ELAB, ILO, US  
SUBJECT: BELGIAN DEMARCHE CONCERNING US MEMBERSHIP IN ILO

1. BELGIAN EMBASSY INFORMS US THAT GOB, ACTING AS CHAIRMAN OF EC-9, HAS APPROACHED SEVERAL AFRICAN COUNTRIES (IVORY COAST, GHANA, GABON) URGING THEM TO MAKE FORMAL PRESENTATION TO USG REQUESTING US TO CONTINUE IN ILO. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR IN ABIDJAN CALLED ON FONMIN SIMEON AKE AUGUST 12. AKE WAS REPORTEDLY EXTREMELY SYMPATHIC, AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE MOST UNFORTUNATE SHOULD US MAKE FORMAL DECISION TO WITHDRAW AND SAID THAT GOIC WOULD GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO A DEMARCHE TO US AUTHORITIES. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THIS APPROACH WILL BE MADE HERE OR IN WASHINGTON.

2. COMMENT: WE HAVE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS MENTIONED TO IVORIAN OFFICIALS OUR DISAPPOINTMENT IN GOIC'S PERFORMANCE AT ILO GENERAL CONFERENCE. WE HAD RECEIVED ASSURANCES FROM PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET, FORMER FONMIN USHER AND LABOR MIN VANI BI TRA THAT IVORY COAST WOULD BE SUPPORTIVE OF US INITIATIVES,  
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BUT IN THE EVENT ALL IVORY COAST REPRESENTATIVES JOINED THE HERD IN ABSTAINING. FONOFF OFFICIALS HAVE MADE FAIRLY LIMP EXCUSES TO THE EFFECT THAT GOIC DID NOT WISH TO BE ISOLATED AND THAT MAJORITY ABSTAINING WAS SO OVERWHELMING THAT IVORY COAST COULD HAVE MADE NO DIFFERENCE. EMBASSY BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT IVORY COAST WOULD BE VERY UNHAPPY SHOULD US FULFILL ITS STATED INTENTION AND WITHDRAW. END COMMENT.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE TALKING POINTS SHOULD GOIC WISH TO  
DISCUSS US PARTICIPATION IN ILO IN ABIDJAN. COOKE

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